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SUBJECT: US PARTICIPATION IN UNCTAD PREPARATORY MEETING
ON COPPER

REF: STATE 230744

1. SEPTEMBER 22 EMBOFF CALLED ON DR. BUDI HARTANTYO, ACTING
DIRECTOR OF FONMIN'S MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION
DIRECTORATE, TO CONVEY U.S. VIEWS ON UNCTAD COPPER CONSULTATIONS.
ALSO SITTING IN WERE MINISTER COUSELOR POEDJE KOENTARSO, WHO
RETURNED TO DIRECTORATE RECENTLY AFTER FIVE YEARS ON GOI DEL
IN GENEVA, AND DIRECTORATE'S COMMODITIES EXPERT DR. ZAINADDIN
NASUTION.

2. SINCE HARTANTYO NORMALLY OCCUPIED WITH ASEAN AFFAIRS HE
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LEFT SUBSTANCE OF DISCUSSION TO KOENTARSO WHO EXPRESSED

AGREEMENT WITH USG VIEW THAT PROGRESS ACHIEVED AND WORK PROGRAM DECIDED UPON BY MARCH COPPER CONSULTATIONS SHOULD NOT BE SET ASIDE. HE ALSO AGREED THAT THE EIGHTEEN UNCTAD COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS SHOULD WHEREVER POSSIBLE UTILIZE FULLY EXISTING COMMODITY BODIES, AND ADDED THAT BASED ON HIS OWN OBSERVATION A START IN THIS DIRECTION HAS BEEN MADE.

3. GOI OFFICIALS DID NOT SHARE U.S. HOPE OF LIMITING COPPER (AND OTHER) CONSULTATIONS TO PARTIES WITH MAJOR INTEREST. KOENTARSO EXPLAINED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE OUTGROWTH OF NAIROBI CONFERENCE AND UNDER UNCTAD AUSPICES, AND THAT UNCTAD MEETINGS ALWAYS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, HOW COULD INTERESTED MEMBERS BE EXCLUDED? KOENTARSO ASSURED EMBASSY HE WAS NOT MERELY PARROTING UNCTAD LINE BUT WAS EXPRESSING HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT INVITATIONS SHOULD GO TO ALL UNCTAD MEMBERS. ASSERTION THAT ADDED PARTICIPANTS LIKELY TO SLOW NEGOTIATING PACE DID NOT FAZE HIM AND HE IMPLIED THAT EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS WHO WISHED TO PARTICIPATE WOULD BE VIOLATION OF UNCTAD PRINCIPLES.

4. IN PHONE CONVERSATION, EMBASSY MINERALS OFFICER ALSO MADE REFTEL POINTS TO SIRMAN WIDIATMO, GOI OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL TIN AGREEMENT AND OTHER MINERAL COMMODITIES, WHO WILL ACCOMPANY MINMINES SEC GEN SIGIT TO GENEVA FOR COPPER MEETING. HE ACKNOWLEDGED MUTUAL INTEREST OF PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS IN ACHIEVING STABLE MARKETS BUT OFFERED NO COMMENT ON POINTS OF SPECIFIC INTEREST TO U.S.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH KOENTARSO AND HARTANTYP SAID VIEWS ON PARTICIPATION IN UNCTAD CONSULTATIONS WERE THEIRS AND NOT GOI'S, WE DOUBT GOI VIEWS, WHEN ARTICULATED, WILL DIFFER IN ANY SUBSTANTIAL WAY. HOWEVER, GOI SUPPORT FOR USE OF EXISTING COMMODITY BODIES IN AT LEAST SOME OF THE EIGHTEEN CONSULTATIONS APPEARS LIKELY, AND WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR USDEL TO FOLLOW UP EMBASSY APPROACH WITH SIGIT AND WIDIATMO, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE IMPRESSED US AS PRAGMATIC, WELL INFORMED OFFICIALS. END COMMENT.
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